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FRANKFORT, KY – Today, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission found AMBER MCDOWELL of Frankfort, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, McDowell agreed not to contest three counts of violating the Code of Ethics. Specifically, during May, June, and July of 2017, McDowell used her position to improperly issue up to thirty-eight (38) out-of-state transfer licenses for hairdressers, cosmetologists, nail technicians, and estheticians. Ms. McDowell issued the licenses without verifying that the applicants were actually licensed in another state and without receiving all necessary documentation.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Ms. McDowell agreed to pay a \$6,000.00 civil penalty, receive a public reprimand, and waives any right to appeal. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing an Agreed Final Order.